

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace the paragraph on page 2, beginning at line 16, with the following:

Figure 1 shows a first embodiment of the invention, with a plug-in connection element (1) in cross section, the design of which may be formed as desired according to the intended use and which is foamed in place in the foam (2). This plug-in connection element has on the one hand contacts (14) (only indicated) for the later connection of a load and on the other hand the connection to a lead (3), which may comprise a single line or a plurality of single electrical lines of a known type (round-conductor ribbon, flat-conductor ribbon, webbed ribbon conductor or the like). This lead (3) is led through the closure part (4), which has two flexible lips which lie against each other and enclose the lead (3). The closure part (4) may be fitted onto the body of the plug-in connection element (see Figure 20, moulded onto the body or connected to it in another suitable way, or if the body is of a suitable material may be produced integrally with it.

Please replace the paragraph on page 3, beginning at line 21 with the following:

Another embodiment of the solution according to the invention is represented in Figure 6, in which the opening (15) of the plug-in connection element (1) through which the lead (3) is inserted is widened outwards in cross section in a funnel-shaped manner and the closure part (11), consisting of a flexible material, has a corresponding, tapering form, as Figure 6 in particular clearly shows. Depending on the type of lead (4) to be inserted, this closure part (11) may adopt a wide variety of forms. For example, in the case of a single line, the closure part may have a conical shape, while for a flat conductor ribbon an elongated design that is rectangular in cross section

perpendicularly with respect to the direction of the line, with tapering side and end faces, can be used. The opening (15) in the plug-in connection element, widening in a funnel-shaped manner, is then correspondingly designed.

Please replace the paragraph on page 3, beginning at line 37 with the following:

The sealing effect can be intensified by providing the closure part with a sealing collar (12), which can come to bear in a sealed manner on the end face of the plug-in connection element. The sealing between the closure part (11) and the lead (3) can be improved if peripheral cam strips (13) are provided on the closure part. This achieves the effect that the flexible closure part (11) is deformed in the direction of the lead when, during foaming in place, the closure part is pressed into the opening (15) in the plug-in connection element by the pressure of the foam.